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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A pedestal steering table and organizer system for use in conjunction with pedestal steering systems, comprising:

a top member having a slot extending therethrough, ~~said slot being adapted for receiving a top portion of a pedestal guard, said top member defining a work surface;~~

a bottom member being operationally coupled to said top member, said bottom member having ~~a front an edge adapted for abutting~~ positioned below said slot in said top member so as to permit said edge to abut a back side of the pedestal guard when the top portion of the pedestal guard is received in said slot of said top member;

at least one spacer member coupled to said top member and to said bottom member to position said top and bottom members in a spaced and substantially parallel relationship with respect to each other with at least a portion of said top member being positioned above said bottom member.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pedestal steering table and organizer system ~~of claim 1,~~ for use in conjunction with pedestal steering systems, comprising:

a top member having a slot extending therethrough for receiving a top portion of a pedestal guard, said top member defining a work surface;

a bottom member being operationally coupled to said top member, said bottom member having a front edge positioned below said slot in said top member so as to permit said front edge to abut a back side of the pedestal guard when the top portion of the pedestal guard is received in said slot of said top member;

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wherein said front edge having a pair of notches therein, each one of said notches being for receiving a back side of a rail of the pedestal guard, said notches increasing surface area of said bottom members contacting said pedestal guard.

3. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, wherein said top member includes at least one aperture extending therethrough, said aperture being adapted for receiving a beverage container.

4. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, wherein said top member includes a pair of apertures extending therethrough, each one of said apertures being adapted for receiving a beverage container, each one of said apertures being positioned through an associated side of said top member behind said pedestal guard when said system is installed on said pedestal guard.

5. (Currently Amended) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said at least one spaced member comprises a plurality of spacer members, each one of said spacer members being operationally couplable to said top member and said bottom member, said spacer members maintaining a spaced substantially parallel relationship between said top member and said bottom member.

6. (Currently Amended) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said at least one spacer member comprises:

a first spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said first spacer member being positioned adjacent a first front corner of said top member;

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a second spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said second spacer member being positioned adjacent a second front corner of said top member;

a third spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said third spacer member being positioned adjacent a first rear corner of said top member;

a fourth spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said fourth spacer member being positioned adjacent a second rear corner of said top member; and

a fifth spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said fifth spacer member being positioned along a central portion of a rear edge of said top member.

7. (Currently Amended) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said at least one spacer member comprises:

a first spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said first spacer member being positioned adjacent a first front corner of said top member;

a second spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said second spacer member being positioned adjacent a second front corner of said top member;

a third spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said third spacer member being positioned adjacent a first rear corner of said top member; and

a fourth spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said fourth spacer member being positioned adjacent a second rear corner of said top member.

8. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 7, further comprising:

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a first spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said first spacer member;

a first securing member positionable within said first spacer bore for securing said first spacer member to said top member;

a second spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said second spacer member;

a second securing member positionable within said second spacer bore for securing said second spacer member to said top member;

a third spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said third spacer member;

a third securing member positionable within said third spacer bore for securing said third spacer member to said top member;

a fourth spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said fourth spacer member; and

a fourth securing member positionable within said fourth spacer bore for securing said fourth spacer member to said top member.

9. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 7, further comprising:

a first bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said first spacer member;

a first bottom securing member positionable within said first bottom spacer bore for securing said first spacer member to said bottom member;

a second bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said second spacer member;

a second bottom securing member positionable within said second bottom spacer bore for securing said second spacer member to said bottom member;

a third bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said third spacer member;

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a third bottom securing member positionable within said third bottom spacer bore for securing said third spacer member to said bottom member;

a fourth bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said fourth spacer member; and

a fourth bottom securing member positionable within said fourth bottom spacer bore for securing said fourth spacer member to said bottom member.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pedestal steering table and organizer system ~~of claim 1, comprising:~~

a top member having a slot extending therethrough for receiving a top portion of a pedestal guard, said top member defining a work surface;

a bottom member being operationally coupled to said top member, said bottom member having a front edge positioned below said slot in said top member so as to permit said front edge to abut a back side of the pedestal guard when the top portion of the pedestal guard is received in said slot of said top member;

wherein said top member includes at least one bore extending therethrough, said bore being positioned adjacent to said slot for selectively receiving a piece of accessory equipment for ready access by the user.

11. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, wherein said slot includes arcuate ends for increasing a surface area of said top member in contact with said pedestal guard.

12. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, wherein said top member includes a secondary slot extending therethrough, said secondary slot being positioned centrally adjacent to a front edge of said top member, said secondary slot being positioned in front of said pedestal guard when said system is installed on the pedestal guard.

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13. (Currently Amended) A pedestal steering table and organizer system for ~~use in conjunction with~~ for mounting on a pedestal steering systems system, comprising:

a top member having a slot extending therethrough, ~~said slot being adapted~~ for receiving a top portion of a pedestal guard, said top member defining a work surface;

wherein said slot includes arcuate ends for increasing a surface area of said top member in contact with said pedestal guard

a bottom member being operationally coupled to said top member, said bottom member having a front edge ~~adapted for abutting~~ positioned below said slot in said top member so as to permit said front edge to abut a back side of the pedestal guard when the top portion of the pedestal guard is received in said slot of said top member;

a pair of notches positioned in said front edge of said bottom member, each one of said notches being for receiving a back side of a rail of the pedestal guard, ~~said notches and~~ increasing surface area of said bottom members contacting said pedestal guard;

a pair of apertures extending therethrough, each one of said apertures being adapted for receiving a beverage container, each one of said apertures being positioned through an associated side of said top member behind said pedestal guard when said system is installed on said pedestal guard;

at least one bore extending therethrough, said bore being positioned adjacent to said slot for selectively receiving a piece of accessory equipment for ready access by the user;

a secondary slot extending therethrough, said secondary slot being positioned centrally adjacent to a front edge of said top member, said secondary slot being positioned in front of said pedestal guard when said system is installed on the pedestal guard;

a first spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said first spacer member being positioned adjacent a first front corner of said top member;

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a second spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said second spacer member being positioned adjacent a second front corner of said top member;

a third spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said third spacer member being positioned adjacent a first rear corner of said top member;

a fourth spacer member operationally couplable between said top member and said bottom member, said fourth spacer member being positioned adjacent a second rear corner of said top member;

a first spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said first spacer member;

a first securing member positionable within said first spacer bore for securing said first spacer member to said top member;

a second spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said second spacer member;

a second securing member positionable within said second spacer bore for securing said second spacer member to said top member;

a third spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said third spacer member;

a third securing member positionable within said third spacer bore for securing said third spacer member to said top member;

a fourth spacer bore extending through said top member aligned with said fourth spacer member;

a fourth securing member positionable within said fourth spacer bore for securing said fourth spacer member to said top member;

a first bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said first spacer member;

a first bottom securing member positionable within said first bottom spacer bore for securing said first spacer member to said bottom member;

a second bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said second spacer member;

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a second bottom securing member positionable within said second bottom spacer bore for securing said second spacer member to said bottom member;

a third bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said third spacer member;

a third bottom securing member positionable within said third bottom spacer bore for securing said third spacer member to said bottom member;

a fourth bottom spacer bore extending through said bottom member aligned with said fourth spacer member;

a fourth bottom securing member positionable within said fourth bottom spacer bore for securing said fourth spacer member to said bottom member;

14. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 13, wherein said top member having an overall width of approximately 18 inches and an overall length of approximately 14 inches.

15. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 13, wherein each one of said pair of apertures having a diameter of approximately 4 inches.

16. (Original) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 13, further comprising a communications and navigation equipment console operationally coupled to said top member, said communications and navigation equipment console being for receiving communication, navigation, and identification equipment, said communication and navigation equipment console being adjacent a front edge of said top member.

17. (New) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1, wherein said front edge having a pair of notches therein, each one of said notches being for receiving a back side of a rail of the pedestal guard, said

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notches increasing surface area of said bottom members contacting said pedestal guard.

18. (New) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of spacer members, each one of said spacer members being operationally couplable to said top member and said bottom member, said spacer members maintaining a spaced substantially parallel relationship between said top member and said bottom member.

19. (New) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 1 wherein said top member includes at least one aperture extending therethrough for selectively receiving an accessory for ready access by the user.

20. (New) The pedestal steering table and organizer system of claim 19 wherein a portion of said top member including said at least one aperture overhangs a portion of said bottom member such that an accessory positioned in said at least one aperture is capable of resting on an upper surface of said bottom member.